

## Claims

1-13 (canceled)

14 (currently amended): A method of mounting buoyancy on a pipe comprising the steps of:

- a) mounting about a pipe a clamp comprising:
  - i) a clamp body having surfaces against which buoyancy may abut,
  - ii) a strap including means for tightening the strap extending completely around the exterior of the clamp body, and
  - iii) a radially acting spring capable of expanding or contracting to conform to changes in diameter of the pipe,
- the method further comprising:
- b) tightening the strap for urging the clamp body towards the pipe, and
- c) mounting buoyancy on the clamp body.

15 (canceled)

16 (currently amended): A method according to claim 14 [in] including disposing said spring outboard of the clamp body.